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RE: Rob Rinde v. The Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Later-Day  
Saints, WAWD case no. C06-556Z  
King County Superior Court case no. 06-2-09825-1SEA

Dear Clerk:

Please find enclosed the original case file, on cd-rom, along with a certified copy of Judge Thomas S. Zilly's Order remanding this case to state court. Also included is a certified copy of the docket sheet.


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Superior Court Case No: 06-2-09825-1SEA

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Sincerely,

  
Lisa Tardiff, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Court file, counsel

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**U.S. District Court  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON (Seattle)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:06-cv-00556-TSZ**

Rinde v. Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Assigned to: Hon. Thomas S. Zilly  
Cause: 28:1332 Diversity-Petition for Removal

Date Filed: 04/19/2006  
Jury Demand: Both  
Nature of Suit: 320 Assault Libel &  
Slander  
Jurisdiction: Diversity

**Plaintiff**

**Rob Rinde**  
*formerly known as*  
Robert Larry Leroy Pitsor, Jr

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Western District of Washington

V.

**Defendant**

**Corporation of the President of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints**  
*a Utah corporation sole*  
*also known as*  
"Mormon Church" The Church of Jesus

represented by **Charles Cooper Gordon**  
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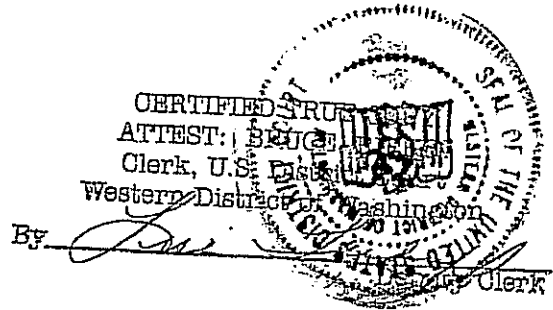
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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/19/2006	<u>1</u>	NOTICE OF REMOVAL from King County Superior Court, case number 06-2-09825-1 SEA; (Receipt # SEA 552), filed by Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(MKB) Email Request to File New Case added on 4/24/2006 (MKB). (Entered: 04/24/2006)
04/24/2006	<u>2</u>	DEMAND for JURY TRIAL by Plaintiff Rob Rinde. (Honeywell, Mark) (Entered: 04/24/2006)
04/25/2006	<u>3</u>	VERIFICATION OF STATE COURT RECORDS by Defendant Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. (Gordon, Charles) (Entered: 04/25/2006)
05/02/2006	<u>4</u>	ORDER REGARDING INITIAL DISCLOSURES, JOINT STATUS REPORT AND EARLY SETTLEMENT FRCP 26f Conference Deadline is 6/19/2006. Initial Disclosure Deadline is 7/3/2006. Joint Status Report due by 7/3/2006; by Judge Thomas S. Zilly. (CC, ) (Entered: 05/02/2006)
05/16/2006	<u>5</u>	MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> by Plaintiff Rob Rinde. Noting Date 5/26/2006. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Timothy D. Kosnoff# <u>2</u> Proposed Order)(Menely, Michelle) (Entered: 05/16/2006)
05/22/2006	<u>6</u>	RESPONSE, by Defendant Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, to <u>5</u> MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> . (Tilden, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/22/2006)
05/22/2006	<u>7</u>	DECLARATION of Paul D. Rytting in Opposition to Plaintiff's <u>5</u> MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> (Tilden, Jeffrey) Modified duplicative text on 5/23/2006 (ECS, ). (Entered: 05/22/2006)
05/26/2006	<u>8</u>	REPLY, filed by Plaintiff Rob Rinde, TO RESPONSE to <u>5</u> MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> (Menely, Michelle) (Entered: 05/26/2006)

05/26/2006	<a href="#"><u>9</u></a>	DECLARATION of Timothy D. Kosnoff filed by Plaintiff Rob Rinde re <u>5</u> MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> (Menely, Michelle) (Entered: 05/26/2006)
06/02/2006	<a href="#"><u>10</u></a>	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER by parties re <u>5</u> MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> . (Tilden, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/02/2006)
06/02/2006	<a href="#"><u>11</u></a>	STIPULATION AND ORDER by Judge Thomas S. Zilly. The Court RE- NOTES for 6/12/06 <u>5</u> MOTION to Amend <i>Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand</i> ; (CL, ) (Entered: 06/02/2006)
06/13/2006	<a href="#"><u>12</u></a>	ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE of summons and complaint by counsel <i>Jeffrey I. Tilden</i> on behalf of Defendant Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on 06/01/06. (Menely, Michelle) (Entered: 06/13/2006)
06/20/2006	<a href="#"><u>13</u></a>	ANSWER to Complaint with JURY DEMAND by Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.(Tilden, Jeffrey) (Entered: 06/20/2006)
06/26/2006	<a href="#"><u>14</u></a>	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER <i>Re Extending Dates for Initial Disclosures and Joint Status Report</i> by parties re <u>4</u> FORM - Joint Status Report Order. (Gordon, Charles) (Entered: 06/26/2006)
06/30/2006	<a href="#"><u>15</u></a>	ORDER granting Plaintiff's <u>5</u> Motion to Amend Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants, and granting Plaintiff's Motion to Remand, by Judge Thomas S. Zilly.(LT, ) (Entered: 06/30/2006)
06/30/2006	<a href="#"><u>16</u></a>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against all defendant(s) , filed by Rob Rinde. (LT, ) (Entered: 06/30/2006)



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

ROB RINDE f/k/a ROBERT LARRY  
LEROY PITSOR, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah  
corporation sole, aka the "MORMON  
CHURCH" THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, an  
unincorporated association,

Defendant.

No. C06-556Z

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants and Motion to Remand, docket no. 5. The Court being fully advised now GRANTS the motions as set forth in this Order:

Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants

Plaintiff, Rob Rinde, failed to plead the existence of two defendants in his Complaint. See Compl., docket 3. The Court therefore construes Plaintiff's Motion to Amend Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants as a motion to join the "'Mormon Church' The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints" (hereinafter referred to as the "Mormon Church") as a defendant.

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1 The Mormon Church is an unincorporated association with members in all fifty states.  
2 Rytting Decl., docket 7, ¶ 5; Def.'s Opp'n, docket 6, at 2. It is well-established that the  
3 citizenship of unincorporated associations is the citizenship of each of the individual  
4 members of the association. Johnson v. Columbia Props. Anchorage, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th  
5 Cir. 2006). Thus, the Mormon Church is a non-diverse defendant.

6 "[T]he proper standard for deciding whether to allow post-removal joinder of a  
7 diversity-destroying defendant is set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1447(e)." Boon v. Allstate Ins.  
8 Co., 229 F. Supp. 2d 1016, 1020 n.2 (C.D. Cal. 2002). Section 1447(e) provides: "If after  
9 removal the plaintiff seeks to join additional defendants whose joinder would destroy subject  
10 matter jurisdiction, the court may deny joinder, or permit joinder and remand the action to  
11 the State court." 28 U.S.C. § 1447(e). Joinder of a diversity-destroying defendant pursuant  
12 to Section 1447(e) is left to the discretion of the district court. Newcombe v. Adolf Coors  
13 Co., 157 F.3d 686, 691 (9th Cir. 1998).

14 Having considered the six factors described in Boon, 229 F. Supp. 2d at 1019-20, the  
15 Court concludes that permitting joinder under Section 1447(e) is appropriate in the present  
16 case. Permitting joinder of the Mormon Church would facilitate a just adjudication of the  
17 matter. Conversely, disallowing joinder would hinder Mr. Rinde from asserting his rights  
18 against an entity allegedly involved in the breach of duties and related causes of action. See  
19 IBC Aviation Servs., Inc. v. Compania Mexicana de Aviacion, 125 F. Supp. 2d 1008, 1012  
20 (N.D. Cal. 2000). The absence of the Mormon Church as a named defendant could preclude  
21 Mr. Rinde from recovering damages for any fault attributable to the Mormon Church. See  
22 Kottler v. Wetherington, 136 Wn.2d 437, 445-47 (1998). In contrast, "[t]here will be little  
23 prejudice to Defendant[] from allowing amendment and remand at such an early stage in the  
24 case." Palestini v. Gen. Dynamics Corp., 193 F.R.D. 654, 657 (S.D. Cal. 2000). Although  
25 Defendant Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
26 ("COP") argues that Mr. Rinde's sole purpose for seeking joinder is to destroy diversity

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1 jurisdiction, the Court “declines to impute an improper motive to Plaintiff simply because  
2 Plaintiff seeks to add a non-diverse defendant post-removal.” IBC Aviation Servs., 125 F.  
3 Supp. 2d at 1012.

4 COP also contends that the Mormon Church is not a proper party because once a  
5 religious entity has chosen to incorporate, only the corporate form may be sued. The cases  
6 cited by COP, however, merely support the general rule that religious controversies are not  
7 the proper subject of civil court inquiry. See, e.g., Islamic Ctr. of Harrison, Inc. v. Islamic  
8 Science Found., Inc., 628 N.Y.S. 2d 179, 179 (App. Div. 1995). Although the Free Exercise  
9 Clause of the United States Constitution “restricts the government’s ability to intrude into  
10 ecclesiastical matters or to interfere with a church’s governance of its own affairs,” Bollard  
11 v. California Province of the Soc’y of Jesus, 196 F.3d 940, 945 (9th Cir. 1999), a religious  
12 association does not operate wholly free from civil law. “The First Amendment does not  
13 provide churches with absolute immunity to engage in tortious conduct. So long as liability  
14 is predicated on secular conduct and does not involve the interpretation of church doctrine or  
15 religious beliefs, it does not offend constitutional principles.” C.J.C. v. Corp. of Catholic  
16 Bishop of Yakima, 138 Wn.2d 699, 728 (1999) (citing Sanders v. Casa View Baptist Church,  
17 134 F.3d 311, 366 (5th Cir. 1998)).

18 For the foregoing reasons, the Court GRANTS Plaintiff’s Motion to Amend  
19 Complaint to Clarify Status of Defendants, docket no. 5. The Clerk is directed to file the  
20 Proposed Amended Complaint, attached as Exhibit A to the Kosnoff Decl., docket no. 5.

21 **Plaintiff’s Motion to Remand**

22 Diversity jurisdiction requires complete diversity of citizenship between the parties to  
23 an action. 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a); Cardon v. Arkoma Assocs., 494 U.S. 185, 187 (1990). Once  
24 a non-diverse defendant is joined, remand becomes mandatory: “[a] district court may not  
25 allow joinder of a non-diverse party and retain jurisdiction.” Stevens v. Brink’s Home  
26 Security, Inc., 378 F.3d 944, 949 (9th Cir. 2004); see also 28 U.S.C. § 1447(e). Because the

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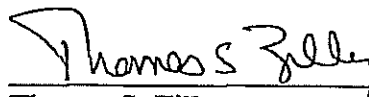


1 Court is granting Plaintiff's motion to join the Mormon Church as a non-diverse defendant,  
2 remand is mandatory. Accordingly, the Court GRANTS the Plaintiff's Motion to Remand,  
3 docket no. 5.

4 The Clerk is directed to remand the case to King County Superior Court, Case No. 06-  
5 2-09825-1SEA, in accordance with this Order.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 Filed and entered this 30th day of June, 2006.

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10 Thomas S. Zilly  
11 United States District Judge  
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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING

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Rinde,

vs

Corporation of the President of the  
Church,

NO. 06-2-09825-1

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Transcript is attached.

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**U.S. District Court  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON (Seattle)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:06-cv-00566-JCC-RSL  
Internal Use Only**

Atlantic Recording Corporation et al v. Dolenc et al  
Assigned to: John C Coughenour  
Referred to: Hon Robert S. Lasnik  
Cause: 17:501 Copyright Infringement

Date Filed: 04/21/2006  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 820 Copyright  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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**Plaintiff**

**Capitol Records Inc**  
*a Delaware corporation*

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**Scott T Wilsdon**  
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**Plaintiff**

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**Plaintiff**

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*a Delaware corporation*

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**Plaintiff**

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**Plaintiff**

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V.

**Defendant**

**Ted Dolenc**

**Defendant**

**Guisseppina Dolenc**

Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/21/2006	<a href="#"><u>1</u></a>	COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT against defendants Ted Dolenc and Guisseppina Dolenc (Summonses issued) (Receipt # SEA 575), filed by Capitol Records Inc, Motown Record Company LP, UMG Recordings Inc, Sony BMG Music Entertainment, BMG Music, Atlantic Recording Corporation, Elektra Entertainment Group Inc, Warner Bros Records Inc. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Exhibit A # <a href="#"><u>2</u></a> Exhibit B part 1 # <a href="#"><u>3</u></a> Exhibit B part 2 # <a href="#"><u>4</u></a> Civil Cover Sheet)(MKB) (Entered: 04/24/2006)
04/21/2006	<a href="#"><u>2</u></a>	CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES. (MKB) (Entered: 04/24/2006)
04/21/2006	<a href="#"><u>3</u></a>	REPORT ON THE FILING OR DETERMINATION OF AN ACTION OR APPEAL REGARDING A COPYRIGHT. (Original (copy 1) mailed to the Register of Copyrights) (MKB) (Entered: 04/24/2006)
04/24/2006		NON-PUBLIC ***Staff notes: Preassignment of Judge Benton in the event of consent. (MKB) (Entered: 04/24/2006)
05/03/2006	<a href="#"><u>4</u></a>	ORDER REFERRING CASE to Judge Robert S. Lasnik by Judge John C Coughenour. All future pleadings in this matter shall bear the following cause number and designation: C06-566(RSL) Yarmuth File Sharing Litigation.(CL, ) (Entered: 05/03/2006)
05/30/2006	5	STATUS MEMO: Case Management deadline 8/17/2006. (JM, ) (Entered: 05/30/2006)
06/06/2006	<a href="#"><u>6</u></a>	SERVICE OF SUMMONS and Complaint returned executed upon defendant Ted Dolenc on 5/20/2006; Guisseppina Dolenc on 5/20/2006 (Wilsdon, Scott) (Entered: 06/06/2006)
07/17/2006	<a href="#"><u>7</u></a>	MOTION for Default <i>Request to Enter Default; Affidavit of Lyle A. Tenpenny</i> by Plaintiffs Capitol Records Inc, Motown Record Company LP, UMG Recordings Inc, Sony BMG Music Entertainment, BMG Music, Atlantic Recording Corporation, Elektra Entertainment Group Inc, Warner Bros Records Inc. Noting Date 7/17/2006. (Attachments: # <a href="#"><u>1</u></a> Proposed Default by Clerk)(Tenpenny, Lyle) (Entered: 07/17/2006)
07/17/2006	<a href="#"><u>8</u></a>	MOTION REFERRED: re <a href="#"><u>7</u></a> MOTION for Default <i>Request to Enter Default; Affidavit of Lyle A. Tenpenny</i> filed by Capitol Records Inc., Warner Bros Records Inc., Atlantic Recording Corporation., UMG Recordings Inc., BMG Music., Elektra Entertainment Group Inc., Motown Record Company LP., Sony BMG Music Entertainment, is referred to Judge Clerk of the Court/Bruce Rifkin (CL, ) (Entered: 07/18/2006)
07/18/2006	<a href="#"><u>8</u></a>	ORDER granting <a href="#"><u>7</u></a> Motion for Default - default entered against defendants Ted and Guisseppina Dolenc. by Clerk U.S. District Court Bruce Rifkin.(Rifkin, Bruce) (Entered: 07/18/2006)
07/18/2006	<a href="#"><u>9</u></a>	NOTICE by Plaintiffs Capitol Records Inc, Motown Record Company LP, UMG Recordings Inc, Sony BMG Music Entertainment, BMG Music, Atlantic Recording Corporation, Elektra

		Entertainment Group Inc, Warner Bros Records Inc, upon Defendant Ted Dolenc, Guisettina Dolenc re <u>8</u> Order on Motion for Default <i>NOTICE OF ENTRY OF DEFAULT BY CLERK</i> (Tenpenny, Lyle) Modified text per counsel request on 7/18/2006 (KN, ). (Entered: 07/18/2006)
07/18/2006	10	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by Plaintiffs Capitol Records Inc, Motown Record Company LP, UMG Recordings Inc, Sony BMG Music Entertainment, BMG Music, Atlantic Recording Corporation, Elektra Entertainment Group Inc, Warner Bros Records Inc, upon Defendant Ted Dolenc, Guisettina Dolenc re <u>7</u> MOTION for Default <i>Request to Enter Default; Affidavit of Lyle A. Tenpenny, 9</i> Notice-Other,. (Tenpenny, Lyle) Modified text per counsel request on 7/18/2006 (KN, ). (Entered: 07/18/2006)
07/18/2006	9	NOTICE of Docket Text Modification re <u>9</u> Notice-Other, : Modified text per counsel request to include service to dft Guisettina Dolenc. (KN, ) (Entered: 07/18/2006)

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the docket on file at the Western District of Washington

BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk



By S/Lisa Tardiff  
Deputy Clerk



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

ROB RINDE f/k/a ROBERT LARRY LEROY  
PITSOR, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF  
LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah corporation  
sole, aka the "MORMON CHURCH" THE  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-  
DAY SAINTS, an unincorporated association,

Defendant.

NO.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL  
(DIVERSITY JURISDICTION)

Defendant, The Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints, removes this action from the Superior Court of Washington State in and for King County,  
to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, upon the following  
grounds:

1. The Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day  
Saints is the sole defendant in a civil action filed in the Superior Court of Washington in and for  
King County, styled Rob Rinde f/k/a Robert Larry Leroy Pitsor, Jr. v. The Corporation of the

NOTICE OF REMOVAL - 1  
No.

GORDON MURRAY TILDEN LLP  
1001 Fourth Avenue, Suite 4000  
Seattle, WA 98154  
Phone (206) 467-6477  
Fax (206) 467-6292

1 President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a Utah corporation sole, aka the  
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3 "Mormon Church" the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, an unincorporated  
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5 association, No. 06-2-09825-1 SEA (the "State Court Action"). Plaintiff commenced the State  
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7 Court Action by filing a complaint on March 22, 2006, a copy of which is attached to this  
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9 Notice. On the same day, plaintiff's counsel sent a copy of the complaint by fax to other lawyers  
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11 representing the defendant in a different matter. Plaintiff has not yet served defendant with a  
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13 summons and complaint.  
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15 2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), "any civil action brought in a State court of  
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17 which the district courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the  
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19 defendant or defendants, to the district court of the United States for the district and division  
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21 embracing the place where such action is pending."  
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23 3. This Court has original jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332  
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25 based upon diversity of citizenship. The Complaint does not plead plaintiff's current residence,  
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27 but Defendant understands that plaintiff is a resident of the State of Minnesota. On March 31,  
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29 2006, the King County Journal printed an article concerning the filing of the State Court Action.  
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31 The article quoted the plaintiff and stated that "he spoke to the Journal this week from his home  
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33 in Starbuck, Minn." Defendant is a citizen of Utah, incorporated under the laws of Utah, with its  
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35 principal place of business in Utah. The complaint filed in the State Court Action does not set  
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37 forth the dollar amount of damages sought by plaintiff. Given the complaint alleges multiple  
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39 acts of sexual abuse, including one described as "brutal," all of which are alleged to have  
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41 occurred while plaintiff was a minor, defendant has a good faith belief that the plaintiff is  
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43 seeking damages in excess of \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.  
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NOTICE OF REMOVAL - 2  
No.

GORDON MURRAY TILDEN LLP  
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1 WHEREFORE, The Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-  
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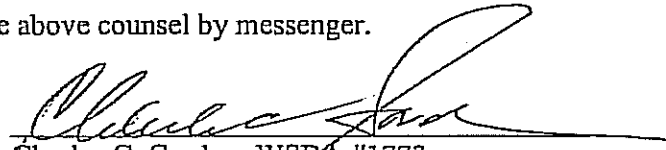
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ROB RINDE f/k/a ROBERT LARRY LEROY  
PITSOR, JR.

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF  
LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah corporation  
sole, aka the "MORMON CHURCH" THE  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-  
DAY SAINTS, an unincorporated association,

Defendant.

NO.

**06-2-09825-1SEA**  
COMPLAINT

**WILLIAM L. DOWNING**

**I. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

This case alleges child sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress (aka the Tort of "Outrage"), civil conspiracy, fraudulent concealment and gross negligence. It arises out of the brutal victimization of plaintiff when he was twelve years old by PAUL H. LEWIS, a Mormon Church Scoutmaster and Melchisedek priest. LEWIS sodomized plaintiff, beat and choked him and forced a wire coat

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1 hangar up his penis inflicting permanent injury to his urogenital system that resulted in  
 2 excruciating physical and emotional pain that persists to this day. When he was  
 3 approximately fourteen years old Plaintiff disclosed the abuse to civil authorities. Three  
 4 church officials, including one who was a Seattle attorney, a Bellevue ward bishop and  
 5 another local church leader knowing that plaintiff's accusations were true pressured plaintiff  
 6 into not cooperating with law enforcement officials who were investigating LEWIS. These  
 7 church officials acted as part of a coordinated effort to shield fellow priest LEWIS from the  
 8 law and to protect the Mormon Church from scandal and civil liability.

## 9 II. PARTIES

10 2.1 Plaintiff ROB RINDE, (known as Larry Pitsor at relevant times), is an adult  
 11 and at all times relevant hereto was a boy residing with his mother and siblings first in Seattle,  
 12 and then in Bellevue, Washington. Plaintiff was born December 8, 1969. ROB RINDE, his  
 13 mother and his four siblings were recruited into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
 14 Saints (hereinafter the "Mormon Church")1.

15 2.2 Defendant THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH  
 16 OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah corporation sole, is a corporation duly  
 17 organized and operating pursuant to the laws of Utah. This defendant also operates as the  
 18 "MORMON CHURCH" THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,  
 19 which is an unincorporated association. The defendant will hereinafter be referred to as COP.  
 20 In both capacities, COP operates churches within the State of Washington.

## 21 III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

22 3.1 Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because the acts giving rise to  
 23 this claim occurred in Bellevue, King County, Washington.

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#### IV. FACTS

4.1 "COP" is a corporation governed by a single individual, the President of the Mormon Church, Gordon B. Hinckley. The President wields ultimate and absolute authority within the Mormon Church. Mr. Hinckley, is the "Divine Prophet, Seer and Revelator" of the Church and has the authority to appoint and remove anyone in the Mormon Church, including all members of wards and stakes, at will. The President of the Mormon Church controls everything in the Mormon Church and all of its wards and stakes. As such, the President of the Church has authority to dictate changes in Church policy, discipline, ecclesiastical doctrine or anything else he so chooses. The acts of the President, in his capacity as head of the Mormon Church, are the acts of COP. COP is registered to do business within, and conducts continuous and systematic activities within, the State of Washington. At all relevant times, plaintiff was a member of and attended a Seattle and/or a Bellevue ward of the Mormon Church.

4.2 Adult male members of the Church are eligible to be ordained as "Priests." There are various levels of priesthood, including elevation to the rank of "Elder," "Melchisedek Priest," "High Priest." Elders, Melchisedek Priests and High Priests are held out by the Mormon Church as men that are "morally worthy" and deserving of the trust of its members.

4.3 At all relevant times, the Mormon Church assumed special responsibilities toward its members including a disciplinary and red-flagging system meant to identify and track sexual predators and other dangerous individuals within the membership in order to protect innocent members from harm they might inflict.

4.4 The Mormon Church is closely affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. The Mormon Church is the oldest and one of the largest sponsoring organizations of boy scouting in the United States. Since 1913 the Mormon Church has used the Scouting program as an

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1 integral part of its ministry to boys and young men. Scouting is the exclusive youth activity  
2 for males in the Mormon Church.

3 4.5 During the relevant time period, COP adopted guidelines for handling victims  
4 of child sexual abuse and sex offenders. They failed to follow their guidelines with respect to  
5 LEWIS.

6 4.6 During the approximate time period of 1981-1983, when RINDE was around  
7 twelve years old, LEWIS was RINDE's ward scoutmaster. At that time LEWIS was in the  
8 United States Navy and was a transient with no ties or history to the area prior to the church  
9 placing LEWIS in the position of Scoutmaster of a Seattle ward to which RINDE was a  
10 member.

11 4.7 Using his position of authority as Scoutmaster and Mormon Priest, LEWIS  
12 was able to gain access to RINDE and use that access to groom and then molest, rape and  
13 sadistically torture him.

14 4.8 LEWIS sexually molested RINDE at various locations in the Seattle area  
15 including at an apartment to which LEWIS had unrestricted access, in the swimming pool,  
16 locker room/shower and steam bath at Sand Point Naval Air Station, and in a motel room in  
17 Issaquah.

18 4.9 The most appalling acts of abuse occurred in a room at Motel 6 in Issaquah in  
19 approximately 1983. LEWIS used physical violence against RINDE, sodomizing him and  
20 forcing RINDE to orally copulate LEWIS. LEWIS then took a wire coat hanger and forced it  
21 into RINDE's urethra causing him to hemorrhage and causing chronic and irreparable injury  
22 to his penis and urogenital system. These were acts of childhood sexual abuse, which acts  
23 were also violations of chapter 9A.44 RCW or RCW 9.68A.040 or prior laws of similar effect  
24 at the time the acts were committed.

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1           4.10 In approximately 1984 or 1985, RINDE disclosed the abuse and his mother  
2 reported it to the civil and church authorities. A criminal investigation of LEWIS ensued.  
3 Church officials described herein above shielded LEWIS from the law. The same church  
4 officials urged RINDE, then age fourteen (14), to not cooperate with the law enforcement  
5 investigation of LEWIS thereby allowing LEWIS to evade criminal prosecution and to move  
6 to another state where he eventually sexually molested more children. These church officials  
7 told him that he would not be believed, that it would be "his word" against LEWIS, that his  
8 allegations would hurt the image and reputation of the Mormon Church, that RINDE would  
9 be ridiculed and derided by church members in addition to other comments calculated to  
10 intimidate RINDE from cooperating with the civil authorities investigating LEWIS.

11           4.11 Church leaders told RINDE that the church would "take care of things," that  
12 they would help him with therapy and that they would help his family financially.

13           4.12 An abuse victim advocate in the King County Prosecutor's office arranged a  
14 meeting with RINDE at her office. Before she could meet privately with RINDE, Mormon  
15 Church leaders interfered in the investigative process. The three adult male Church officials  
16 went to RINDE'S home and told him that they would take him to the meeting at the  
17 prosecutor's office downtown. On the ride downtown in the car the three adult Mormon  
18 church officials pressured RINDE not to cooperate with law enforcement officials.

19           4.13 At the meeting, the church official that was a licensed Washington attorney  
20 told the victim's advocate that he was RINDE'S attorney which was untrue. The church  
21 official/lawyer told the victim advocate he would not permit her to interview RINDE in  
22 private.

23           4.14 RINDE succumbed to the Church's pressure not to cooperate. As a result,  
24 charges against LEWIS were not filed. Soon thereafter LEWIS moved to another state and  
25 joined a another ward of the Mormon Church.  
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V. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION  
(Negligence based on Common Law and breach of Fiduciary Duty)

5.1 Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this count and further alleges:

5.2 Defendants COP and Mormon Church had a common law duty to plaintiff to protect him from the criminal acts of LEWIS.

5.3 Defendants COP and the Mormon Church breached their duty to protect plaintiff and plaintiff damaged thereby.

5.4 Defendants COP had a "special relationship" with plaintiff and with LEWIS. They knew or should have known that LEWIS was a sadistic serial pedophile that was actively abusing children, COP had a duty to use reasonable care in the hiring, supervision or retention of LEWIS as scoutmaster and also had a duty to warn or protect foreseeable victims including plaintiff. LEWIS' positions within the defendants' church were causally connected to and served to enable LEWIS to gain access to and abuse plaintiff.

5.5 The Mormon Church's bishops, stake presidents and Boy Scout leaders within the State of Washington breached both a duty of reasonable care in hiring, supervising or retaining LEWIS as scoutmaster and by failing to warn or protect children and/or by failing to report their knowledge of LEWIS's sexual abuse of children to civil authorities.

5.6 But for the breach of duty, acts, omissions and intentional misconduct of COP and the Mormon Church, church bishops, boy scout leaders, stake presidents and area presidents, LEWIS would not have been able to abuse plaintiff.

5.7 COP's failure to adhere to its previously adopted guidelines for handling victims of child sexual abuse and sex offenders caused harm to the plaintiff. The harm plaintiff suffered as a result of defendant's negligence was the harm contemplated in COP's Handbook of Instruction to its clergy.

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1           5.8     Notwithstanding Defendant's duties, defendant failed to train and supervise its  
2     hierarchical clergy in the proper implementation of its guidelines, policies and procedures  
3     regarding the treatment of victims of child sexual abuse, to monitor and insure compliance  
4     with their guidelines, policies and procedures, treatment of child sexual abusers and reporting  
5     of child sexual abuse.

6           5.9     Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known,  
7     that its failure to report LEWIS to appropriate law enforcement or social services agencies  
8     would result in LEWIS sexually abusing children including plaintiff, and in plaintiff failing to  
9     obtain adequate treatment.

10          5.10    As a result of the molestation, breach of trust, and statutory violations, plaintiff  
11     has suffered and will continue to suffer physical and emotional pain and dysfunction to his  
12     general, non-economic damage in an amount to be determined. As a further result of the  
13     sexual abuse, plaintiff incurred and/or will continue to incur costs for counseling and  
14     psychological treatment, and has lost earning capacity to his damage in an amount to be  
15     proved at trial.

16                               **VI. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
17                               **(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)**

18          6.1     Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under  
19     this count and further allege:

20          6.2     Defendant knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that  
21     tampering with a witness was unlawful and that such conduct as pressuring victims not to  
22     disclose, would be harmful to the best interests and psychological well-being of child victims  
23     of sexual abuse, including plaintiff.

24          6.3     Defendants knew or should have known that pressuring plaintiff not to  
25     cooperate with the civil authorities' investigation of LEWIS would greatly exacerbate  
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1 plaintiff's physical, emotional and psychological injuries and, in fact, the defendant's conduct  
2 greatly exacerbated plaintiff's physical, emotional and psychological injuries.

3 6.4 Defendant knew that plaintiff had been subjected to horrific sexual abuse at the  
4 hands of its Scoutmaster and Melchisedek Priest PAUL LEWIS and knew that plaintiff had  
5 and would continue to suffer emotional, psychological and physical injuries and that unless he  
6 received appropriate assistance from civil authorities, that his injuries would be greatly  
7 exacerbated and much more difficult to treat with the passage of time.

8 6.5 The Church, being more concerned about shielding itself from scandal and  
9 potential civil liability and intent on protecting the public image of its all-male Mormon  
10 priesthood at the expense of aiding a gravely injured child that was plaintiff, pressured  
11 plaintiff in to not cooperating with the civil authorities with full knowledge of or with reckless  
12 disregard of the emotional and psychological injuries its conduct was certain to inflict.

13 6.6 Defendant's conduct was an outrageous violation of societal norms and went so  
14 far beyond all possible bounds of decency, so as to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly  
15 intolerable in a civilized community, and resulted in severe emotional distress.

16 6.7 As a further result of the defendant's intentional conduct, plaintiff has incurred  
17 and/or will continue to incur costs for counseling and psychological treatment, and has lost  
18 earning capacity to his damage in an amount to be proved at trial. As a result of the  
19 defendant's conduct, plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer physical and emotional  
20 pain and dysfunction to his general, non-economic damage in an amount to be proved at trial.

21 **VII. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**  
22 **(Estoppel and Fraudulent Concealment)**

23 7.1 Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under  
24 this count and further allege:

25 7.2 Church defendants engaged in a plan of action to cover up incidents of the  
26 sexual abuse of minors by its Melchisedek priests and scout leaders and to prevent disclosure,

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1 prosecution and civil litigation including, but not limited to: failure to report incidents of  
2 abuse to law enforcement or child protection agencies, denial of abuse it had substantiated,  
3 the transfer of abusive Melchisedek priests and scoutmasters, coercion of victims and their  
4 families and by failure to seek out and redress the injuries these men had caused. Based on  
5 these actions, the defendants engaged in fraudulent concealment and are estopped from  
6 asserting defense of limitations.

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8 **VIII. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
9 **(Civil Conspiracy)**

10 8.1 Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under  
11 this count and further allege:

12 8.2 Defendant and others conspired to cover up incidents of sexual abuse of  
13 minors by its Mormon priests and scout leaders, including LEWIS and to prevent disclosure,  
14 prosecution and civil litigation including, but not limited to: failure to report incidents of  
15 abuse to law enforcement or child protection agencies, denial of abuse it had substantiated,  
16 aiding criminal child molesters in evading detection, arrest and prosecution, allowing them to  
17 cross state and international borders for purposes of gaining access to uninformed parents  
18 whose innocent children could be sexually abused, failure to warn, and by failure to seek out  
19 and redress the injuries its Melchisedek priests and scoutmasters had caused. Based on these  
20 actions, the defendants conspired for the unlawful purpose of concealing and suppressing  
21 information on the danger and threat that scoutmaster and priests like LEWIS posed to  
22 unsuspecting children, including the plaintiff.

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IX. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court enter a judgment against the defendant and in plaintiff's behalf, for the following:

1. For special damages for medical treatment expenses, lost earnings, and lost earnings capacity, and the expenses of medication and other special expenses, both in the past and continuing into the future, in amounts to be determined at the time of trial;
2. For all general damages, for physical, mental and emotional injury and disturbance, and other disorders resulting from the acts complained of herein;
3. For attorney's fees, prejudgment interest, costs and exemplary damages allowed by RCW 9.68A.130 and other law; and
4. For such other and further relief as this Court determines just in the premises.

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PITSOR, JR.,

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sole, a/k/a the "MORMON CHURCH" THE  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF  
LATTER-DAY SAINTS, an unincorporated  
association,

Defendants

NO. CV-06-00556 TSZ

JURY DEMAND

COMES NOW Plaintiff Rob Rinde, and pursuant to FRCP 38, requests that  
the above-entitled action be tried before a jury consisting of twelve (12) persons, or  
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Pursuant to CR 101(b), undersigned counsel hereby verify that the attached documents  
are true and complete copies of all records and proceedings in the state court action. These  
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1. Summons;
2. Complaint;
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SUMMONS

06-2-09825-1SEA

WILLIAM L. DOWNING

TO: THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS  
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

A lawsuit has been started against you in the above-entitled court by the above-named  
Plaintiff. Plaintiff's claims are stated in the written complaint, a copy of which is served upon  
you with this summons.

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1 In order to defend against this lawsuit, you must respond to the complaint by stating  
 2 your defense in writing, and serve a copy upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff  
 3 within 20 days after service of this summons if within the State of Washington, or within 60  
 4 days after service of this summons if outside of the State of Washington, excluding the day of  
 5 service, or a default judgment may be entered against you without notice. A default judgment  
 6 is one where Plaintiffs are entitled to what they ask for because you have not responded. If  
 7 you serve a notice of appearance on the undersigned attorney, you are entitled to notice before  
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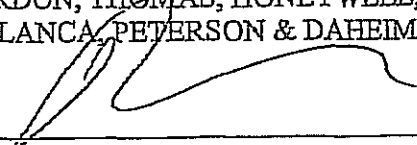
10 You may demand that the Plaintiff file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the  
 11 demand must be in writing and must be served upon the Plaintiff. Within fourteen (14) days  
 12 after you serve the demand, the Plaintiff must file this lawsuit with the court, or the service on  
 13 you of this summons and complaint will be void.

14 If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly  
 15 so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.

16 This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the  
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18 Dated this 22 day of March, 2006.

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COMPLAINT

**WILLIAM L. DOWNING**

**I. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

This case alleges child sexual abuse, sexual assault and sexual battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress (aka the Tort of "Outrage"), civil conspiracy, fraudulent concealment and gross negligence. It arises out of the brutal victimization of plaintiff when he was twelve years old by PAUL H. LEWIS, a Mormon Church Scoutmaster and Melchisedek priest. LEWIS sodomized plaintiff, beat and choked him and forced a wire coat

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1 hangar up his penis inflicting permanent injury to his urogenital system that resulted in  
 2 excruciating physical and emotional pain that persists to this day. When he was  
 3 approximately fourteen years old Plaintiff disclosed the abuse to civil authorities. Three  
 4 church officials, including one who was a Seattle attorney, a Bellevue ward bishop and  
 5 another local church leader knowing that plaintiff's accusations were true pressured plaintiff  
 6 into not cooperating with law enforcement officials who were investigating LEWIS. These  
 7 church officials acted as part of a coordinated effort to shield fellow priest LEWIS from the  
 8 law and to protect the Mormon Church from scandal and civil liability.

## 9 II. PARTIES

10 2.1 Plaintiff ROB RINDE, (known as Larry Pitsor at relevant times), is an adult  
 11 and at all times relevant hereto was a boy residing with his mother and siblings first in Seattle,  
 12 and then in Bellevue, Washington. Plaintiff was born December 8, 1969. ROB RINDE, his  
 13 mother and his four siblings were recruited into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
 14 Saints (hereinafter the "Mormon Church")].

15 2.2 Defendant THE CORPORATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHURCH  
 16 OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Utah corporation sole, is a corporation duly  
 17 organized and operating pursuant to the laws of Utah. This defendant also operates as the  
 18 "MORMON CHURCH" THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS,  
 19 which is an unincorporated association. The defendant will hereinafter be referred to as COP.  
 20 In both capacities, COP operates churches within the State of Washington.

## 21 III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

22 3.1 Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Court because the acts giving rise to  
 23 this claim occurred in Bellevue, King County, Washington.

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## IV. FACTS

4.1 "COP" is a corporation governed by a single individual, the President of the Mormon Church, Gordon B. Hinckley. The President wields ultimate and absolute authority within the Mormon Church. Mr. Hinckley, is the "Divine Prophet, Seer and Revelator" of the Church and has the authority to appoint and remove anyone in the Mormon Church, including all members of wards and stakes, at will. The President of the Mormon Church controls everything in the Mormon Church and all of its wards and stakes. As such, the President of the Church has authority to dictate changes in Church policy, discipline, ecclesiastical doctrine or anything else he so chooses. The acts of the President, in his capacity as head of the Mormon Church, are the acts of COP. COP is registered to do business within, and conducts continuous and systematic activities within, the State of Washington. At all relevant times, plaintiff was a member of and attended a Seattle and/or a Bellevue ward of the Mormon Church.

4.2 Adult male members of the Church are eligible to be ordained as "Priests." There are various levels of priesthood, including elevation to the rank of "Elder," "Melchisedek Priest," "High Priest." Elders, Melchisedek Priests and High Priests are held out by the Mormon Church as men that are "morally worthy" and deserving of the trust of its members.

4.3 At all relevant times, the Mormon Church assumed special responsibilities toward its members including a disciplinary and red-flagging system meant to identify and track sexual predators and other dangerous individuals within the membership in order to protect innocent members from harm they might inflict.

4.4 The Mormon Church is closely affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America. The Mormon Church is the oldest and one of the largest sponsoring organizations of boy scouting in the United States. Since 1913 the Mormon Church has used the Scouting program as an

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1 integral part of its ministry to boys and young men. Scouting is the exclusive youth activity  
2 for males in the Mormon Church.

3 4.5 During the relevant time period, COP adopted guidelines for handling victims  
4 of child sexual abuse and sex offenders. They failed to follow their guidelines with respect to  
5 LEWIS.

6 4.6 During the approximate time period of 1981-1983, when RINDE was around  
7 twelve years old, LEWIS was RINDE's ward scoutmaster. At that time LEWIS was in the  
8 United States Navy and was a transient with no ties or history to the area prior to the church  
9 placing LEWIS in the position of Scoutmaster of a Seattle ward to which RINDE was a  
10 member.

11 4.7 Using his position of authority as Scoutmaster and Mormon Priest, LEWIS  
12 was able to gain access to RINDE and use that access to groom and then molest, rape and  
13 sadistically torture him.

14 4.8 LEWIS sexually molested RINDE at various locations in the Seattle area  
15 including at an apartment to which LEWIS had unrestricted access, in the swimming pool,  
16 locker room/shower and steam bath at Sand Point Naval Air Station, and in a motel room in  
17 Issaquah.

18 4.9 The most appalling acts of abuse occurred in a room at Motel 6 in Issaquah in  
19 approximately 1983. LEWIS used physical violence against RINDE, sodomizing him and  
20 forcing RINDE to orally copulate LEWIS. LEWIS then took a wire coat hanger and forced it  
21 into RINDE's urethra causing him to hemorrhage and causing chronic and irreparable injury  
22 to his penis and urogenital system. These were acts of childhood sexual abuse, which acts  
23 were also violations of chapter 9A.44 RCW or RCW 9.68A.040 or prior laws of similar effect  
24 at the time the acts were committed.  
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1           4.10 In approximately 1984 or 1985, RINDE disclosed the abuse and his mother  
2 reported it to the civil and church authorities. A criminal investigation of LEWIS ensued.  
3 Church officials described herein above shielded LEWIS from the law. The same church  
4 officials urged RINDE, then age fourteen (14), to not cooperate with the law enforcement  
5 investigation of LEWIS thereby allowing LEWIS to evade criminal prosecution and to move  
6 to another state where he eventually sexually molested more children. These church officials  
7 told him that he would not be believed, that it would be "his word" against LEWIS, that his  
8 allegations would hurt the image and reputation of the Mormon Church, that RINDE would  
9 be ridiculed and derided by church members in addition to other comments calculated to  
10 intimidate RINDE from cooperating with the civil authorities investigating LEWIS.

11           4.11 Church leaders told RINDE that the church would "take care of things," that  
12 they would help him with therapy and that they would help his family financially.

13           4.12 An abuse victim advocate in the King County Prosecutor's office arranged a  
14 meeting with RINDE at her office. Before she could meet privately with RINDE, Mormon  
15 Church leaders interfered in the investigative process. The three adult male Church officials  
16 went to RINDE'S home and told him that they would take him to the meeting at the  
17 prosecutor's office downtown. On the ride downtown in the car the three adult Mormon  
18 church officials pressured RINDE not to cooperate with law enforcement officials.

19           4.13 At the meeting, the church official that was a licensed Washington attorney  
20 told the victim's advocate that he was RINDE'S attorney which was untrue. The church  
21 official/lawyer told the victim advocate he would not permit her to interview RINDE in  
22 private.

23           4.14 RINDE succumbed to the Church's pressure not to cooperate. As a result,  
24 charges against LEWIS were not filed. Soon thereafter LEWIS moved to another state and  
25 joined a another ward of the Mormon Church.  
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V. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION  
(Negligence based on Common Law and breach of Fiduciary Duty)

5.1 Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this count and further alleges:

5.2 Defendants COP and Mormon Church had a common law duty to plaintiff to protect him from the criminal acts of LEWIS.

5.3 Defendants COP and the Mormon Church breached their duty to protect plaintiff and plaintiff damaged thereby.

5.4 Defendants COP had a "special relationship" with plaintiff and with LEWIS. They knew or should have known that LEWIS was a sadistic serial pedophile that was actively abusing children, COP had a duty to use reasonable care in the hiring, supervision or retention of LEWIS as scoutmaster and also had a duty to warn or protect foreseeable victims including plaintiff. LEWIS' positions within the defendants' church were causally connected to and served to enable LEWIS to gain access to and abuse plaintiff.

5.5 The Mormon Church's bishops, stake presidents and Boy Scout leaders within the State of Washington breached both a duty of reasonable care in hiring, supervising or retaining LEWIS as scoutmaster and by failing to warn or protect children and/or by failing to report their knowledge of LEWIS's sexual abuse of children to civil authorities,.

5.6 But for the breach of duty, acts, omissions and intentional misconduct of COP and the Mormon Church, church bishops, boy scout leaders, stake presidents and area presidents, LEWIS would not have been able to abuse plaintiff.

5.7 COP's failure to adhere to its previously adopted guidelines for handling victims of child sexual abuse and sex offenders caused harm to the plaintiff. The harm plaintiff suffered as a result of defendant's negligence was the harm contemplated in COP's Handbook of Instruction to its clergy.

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1           5.8    Notwithstanding Defendant's duties, defendant failed to train and supervise its  
2   hierarchical clergy in the proper implementation of its guidelines, policies and procedures  
3   regarding the treatment of victims of child sexual abuse, to monitor and insure compliance  
4   with their guidelines, policies and procedures, treatment of child sexual abusers and reporting  
5   of child sexual abuse.

6           5.9    Defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known,  
7   that its failure to report LEWIS to appropriate law enforcement or social services agencies  
8   would result in LEWIS sexually abusing children including plaintiff, and in plaintiff failing to  
9   obtain adequate treatment.

10          5.10   As a result of the molestation, breach of trust, and statutory violations, plaintiff  
11   has suffered and will continue to suffer physical and emotional pain and dysfunction to his  
12   general, non-economic damage in an amount to be determined. As a further result of the  
13   sexual abuse, plaintiff incurred and/or will continue to incur costs for counseling and  
14   psychological treatment, and has lost earning capacity to his damage in an amount to be  
15   proved at trial.

16                               **VI.   SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**  
17                               **(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)**

18          6.1    Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under  
19   this count and further allege:

20          6.2    Defendant knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that  
21   tampering with a witness was unlawful and that such conduct as pressuring victims not to  
22   disclose, would be harmful to the best interests and psychological well-being of child victims  
23   of sexual abuse, including plaintiff.

24          6.3    Defendants knew or should have known that pressuring plaintiff not to  
25   cooperate with the civil authorities' investigation of LEWIS would greatly exacerbate  
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plaintiff's physical, emotional and psychological injuries and, in fact, the defendant's conduct greatly exacerbated plaintiff's physical, emotional and psychological injuries.

6.4 Defendant knew that plaintiff had been subjected to horrific sexual abuse at the hands of its Scoutmaster and Melchisedek Priest PAUL LEWIS and knew that plaintiff had and would continue to suffer emotional, psychological and physical injuries and that unless he received appropriate assistance from civil authorities, that his injuries would be greatly exacerbated and much more difficult to treat with the passage of time.

6.5 The Church, being more concerned about shielding itself from scandal and potential civil liability and intent on protecting the public image of its all-male Mormon priesthood at the expense of aiding a gravely injured child that was plaintiff, pressured plaintiff in to not cooperating with the civil authorities with full knowledge of or with reckless disregard of the emotional and psychological injuries its conduct was certain to inflict.

6.6 Defendant's conduct was an outrageous violation of societal norms and went so far beyond all possible bounds of decency, so as to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in a civilized community, and resulted in severe emotional distress.

6.7 As a further result of the defendant's intentional conduct, plaintiff has incurred and/or will continue to incur costs for counseling and psychological treatment, and has lost earning capacity to his damage in an amount to be proved at trial. As a result of the defendant's conduct, plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer physical and emotional pain and dysfunction to his general, non-economic damage in an amount to be proved at trial.

## VII. THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (Estoppel and Fraudulent Concealment)

7.1 Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under this count and further allege:

7.2 Church defendants engaged in a plan of action to cover up incidents of the sexual abuse of minors by its Melchisedek priests and scout leaders and to prevent disclosure,

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1 prosecution and civil litigation including, but not limited to: failure to report incidents of  
 2 abuse to law enforcement or child protection agencies, denial of abuse it had substantiated,  
 3 the transfer of abusive Melchisedek priests and scoutmasters, coercion of victims and their  
 4 families and by failure to seek out and redress the injuries these men had caused. Based on  
 5 these actions, the defendants engaged in fraudulent concealment and are estopped from  
 6 asserting defense of limitations.

### 7 VIII. FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION 8 (Civil Conspiracy)

9 8.1 Plaintiff incorporates all paragraphs of this Complaint as if fully set forth under  
 10 this count and further allege:

11 8.2 Defendant and others conspired to cover up incidents of sexual abuse of  
 12 minors by its Mormon priests and scout leaders, including LEWIS and to prevent disclosure,  
 13 prosecution and civil litigation including, but not limited to: failure to report incidents of  
 14 abuse to law enforcement or child protection agencies, denial of abuse it had substantiated,  
 15 aiding criminal child molesters in evading detection, arrest and prosecution, allowing them to  
 16 cross state and international borders for purposes of gaining access to uninformed parents  
 17 whose innocent children could be sexually abused, failure to warn, and by failure to seek out  
 18 and redress the injuries its Melchisedek priests and scoutmasters had caused. Based on these  
 19 actions, the defendants conspired for the unlawful purpose of concealing and suppressing  
 20 information on the danger and threat that scoutmaster and priests like LEWIS posed to  
 21 unsuspecting children, including the plaintiff.

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IX. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that the Court enter a judgment against the defendant and in plaintiff's behalf, for the following:

1. For special damages for medical treatment expenses, lost earnings, and lost earnings capacity, and the expenses of medication and other special expenses, both in the past and continuing into the future, in amounts to be determined at the time of trial;

2. For all general damages, for physical, mental and emotional injury and disturbance, and other disorders resulting from the acts complained of herein;

3. For attorney's fees, prejudgment interest, costs and exemplary damages allowed by RCW 9.68A.130 and other law; and

4. For such other and further relief as this Court determines just in the premises.

Dated this 22 day of March, 2006.

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